

Forum in Davos, Switzerland, and, therefore, missed four votes.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously and would like the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "no" on recorded vote No. 10, "no" on recorded vote No. 11, "no" on recorded vote No. 12 and "yes" on recorded vote No. 13.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to participate in floor proceedings on January 25–26, 2005 as I was in Poland as part of a Congressional Delegation to the ceremonies honoring the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. As a result I missed rollcall votes 8–13. On rollcall No. 8, passage of H. Con. Res 16, congratulating the people of Ukraine for conducting a democratic, transparent, and fair runoff Presidential election on December 26, 2004, and congratulating Viktor Yushchenko on his election as President of Ukraine and his commitment to democracy and reform, I would have voted "Yes" had I been present. On rollcall No. 9; regarding commending countries and organizations for marking the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and urging a strengthening of the fight against racism, intolerance, bigotry, prejudice, discrimination, and anti-Semitism, I would have voted "yes" had I been present. On rollcall No. 10, Crowley of New York Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 54, I would have voted "yes" had I been present. On rollcall No. 11, Crowley of New York Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 54, I would have voted "yes" had I been present. On rollcall No. 12, a motion to recommit H.R. 54, to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide reasonable standards for congressional gold medals, I would have voted "yes" had I been present. On rollcall No. 13, H.R. 54, to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide reasonable standards for congressional gold medals, I would have voted "yes" had I been present.

#### DIRECTING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTION IN ENGROSSMENT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 49, ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of House Resolution 49, the Clerk be directed to make the following correction:

In the paragraph regarding the Committee on Financial Services, strike "Gene Green of Texas" and insert in lieu thereof "Al Green of Texas".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished majority leader for

the purpose of inquiring of him the schedule for the coming week.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Tuesday at 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to Members' offices by the end of the week. Any votes called on these measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, the House will convene at 10 a.m. This is a slow time of year, as most committees are not organizing until next week. We anticipate consideration of a resolution that will stress the House's views on the recent court decision regarding the Solomon amendment, but we do not expect to consider any significant legislation under a rule.

In addition, I would like to remind all Members that the President's State of the Union is scheduled for Wednesday night of next week.

Finally, to accommodate scheduling demands next week similar to those that we have this week, the House will not have votes next Thursday or Friday.

I thank the gentleman for yielding and will be happy to answer any questions he may have.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman. I appreciate the information.

I understand he anticipates a substantive resolution on the Solomon amendment and the court ruling thereon. But can I ask you, is it your understanding that a resolution regarding the recent Palestinian elections will come to the floor next week as well? Is that possible?

Mr. DELAY. I know that you and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) are working on this bill and will continue to work on it. It has every possibility if it is done, maybe we could do it next week.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader. I know that the majority whip and myself are working on this, and running it by your office as well as we are the leader's office on our side. Hopefully we can move that. I know that all of us believe that we have an opportunity to at least resolve the violence and hopefully reach towards a peaceful resolution of that dispute, and hopefully we can move forward on this resolution. I thank the leader for his response.

Secondly, Mr. Leader, the supplemental appropriation, we hear about the supplemental appropriation, clearly for the tsunami victims as well as further assistance to our troops and efforts in Iraq and in Afghanistan. Can you tell us whether or not there is any possibility of that coming next week, or do you anticipate that would be the week following or sometime thereafter?

Mr. DELAY. I am not sure that the White House has even made a decision

on when they will send the request for the supplemental to us, or if they will send us one or two requests. I think those decisions are still being made by the White House. Obviously those decisions will help shape how and when we will consider the bill here in the House. At this time I do not expect us to consider the supplemental prior to the President's Day recess, but I would not rule that out, either. We will take the President's request, obviously our Appropriations Committee will do its work, and we will expedite the process and get it to the floor as soon as possible.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his information.

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of House Resolution 49, the Clerk be directed to make the following change:

In the paragraph regarding the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, strike "Mr. HIGGINS".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2005

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2005, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 21, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.